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North Dakota Department of Health to Draft Waste Tracking Rules

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health is developing waste regulations to enhance the state's capacity to track the generation, storage, transportation and disposal of Technically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM).

According to Scott Radig, Waste Management Division of the North Dakota Department of Health, "the current state law and administrative rules require that all TENORM waste be disposed of appropriately, and violations can result in fines. However, we are finding that there is a need to enhance our ability to track this type of waste."

The Department anticipates having proposed TENORM regulations drafted and available to the public for review and comment in June 2014.

TENORM is typically found in oilfield development activities and is generally characterized by low concentrations of radioactivity. TENORM can be found in spent filter socks, as well as other waste materials.

If you would like additional information relating to this issue, contact Scott Radig or David Glatt of the Environmental Health Section at 701.328.5150

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